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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Eritja et al.)
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Application No. **10/055,732**)
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Filed: **January 22, 2002**)
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For: **Compositions and Methods for Synthesis**)
And Use Of Novel Nucleic Acid Structures)

Art Unit: 1645

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a four-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2002, now set to expire August 26, 2002, because August 25, 2002, falls on a Sunday. A check in the amount of \$720.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a four-month extension.


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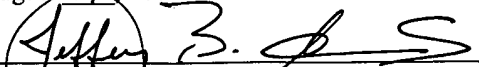
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